









*Report of the Selectmen of Goffstown, for the year ending  
March, 1854.*

**TREASURER'S ACCOUNT FOR 1853.**

<i>A. F. Carr in account with the Town of Goffstown,</i>		<i>Dr.</i>
To cash received of Wm. McDougall, being the interest upon his note.....	\$27 20	
To cash received of Stephen Blaisdell, being interest upon his note.....	1 00	
To amount due at the Auditor's settlement.....	184 55	
To cash received of Geo. P. Hadley, being money received by him of Nathaniel Kimball as belonging to Ammi Kelley.....	7 00	
To cash received of former Board of Selectmen, being money borrowed of F. B. Martin.....	100 00	
To cash received of present Board of Selectmen, being money borrowed of E. Johnson.....	500 00	
To cash received of E. P. Sargent, being the amount of Assessment in District No. 11, on account of the Butterfield law suit,.....	199 76	
To cash received on the G. F. Judkins' note.....	65 72	
To cash received of T. R. Butterfield, being railroad tax, ..	155 76	
To cash received of State Treasurer, being our proportion of the Literary Fund.....	118 50	
To cash received on the Simmons B. Cilley note.....	74 15	
To amount of Assessment for the year 1853, including resident, non-resident, state, county and school tax.....	3992 83	
To interest arising from the Literary Fund .....	79 38	
To interest arising from the School Fund.....	79 12	
Making in all.....		\$5584 97
<i>A. F. Carr in account with the town of Goffstown,</i>		<i>Cr.</i>
By cash paid Selectmen, Town Clerk and Treasurer, as per bills allowed by the town.. ..	\$230 01	
By order paid Wm. McDougall as an abatement of taxes upon his list,.....	26 20	
By cash paid on an order in favor of David Pattee.....	1 00	
Auditors.....	6 00	John G. Paige..... 2 00
A. F. Carr....	3 25	Eli P. Roberts ..... 1 00
Luther Hadley.....	18 00	Leonard P. Cram.... 2 50
Luther Hadley.....	87 17	E. P. Sargent..... 8 12
Frances Martin.....	185 00	David H. Whipple... 5 00

Samuel Brown.....	1 50	District No. 7.....	73 01
Sims S. Cilley.....	1 29	" No. 8.....	67 34
Daniel Little.....	14 50	" No. 9.....	86 90
Samuel Dow Jr.....	1 00	" No. 10.....	73 42
Luther Hadley.....	191 64	" No. 11.....	85 34
Eli P. Roberts.....	161 25	" No. 12.....	30 65
John Pattee.....	5 00	" No. 13.....	57 58
Albert G. Robie.....	21 20	" No. 14.....	33 58
Joseph Sargent.....	6 00	" No. 15.....	32 25
Simmons B. Cilley...	1 00	" No. 16.....	27 65
" " ".....	50	State Treasurer.....	431 90
Joseph Marshall.....	10 00	County ".....	699 83
John H. Goodale.....	20 08	Samuel Ordway.....	1 35
Amasa Waterman....	15 00	Andrew McDougall..	2 00
Sylvanus C. Johnson..	1 25	Ira Barr.....	90
Jesse Carr.....	12 00	John Addison.....	80
T. R. Butterfield....	46 70	Ephraim Heald.....	2 00
Ira Pearly Esq.....	10 00	Samuel Dow.....	4 00
F. Crombie.....	20 50	Affa Kelley.....	10 00
Edmund Johnson....	3 80	Wm. Moor.....	15 00
Franklin Tenny.....	2 50	Thomas Colby.....	25 00
Philo H. Pattee.....	5 00	George Warren.....	1 50
David M. Taggart...	25 63	George Poor Esq.....	13 80
Alfred Story.....	4 67	David Cross Esq....	50 00
Morrison & Fitch....	55 00	T. R. Butterfield....	8 00
A. B. Smith.....	2 68	Daniel B. Warren...	50
City of Manchester...	13 31	E. R. Poor.....	1 68
Isaac C. Flanders....	73 40	Andrew McDugall...	2 00
Old order in favor of		Dr. Daniel Little....	11 85
Universalist Society	15 17	Warren S. Richards..	4 61
" " ..	11 89	School Commissioner..	24 99
Congregationalist " ..	43 20	David Steele Esq....	3 50
Baptist " ..	18 80	A. F. Carr.....	12 44
Methodist " ..	15 92	" ".....	17 25
A. F. Carr.....	20 00	Tho's R. Butterfield..	35 17
School order in ..		" " " ..	59 89
District No. 1.....	96 71	" " " ..	15 25
" No. 2.....	49 95	Gilman B. Stevens...	5 00
" No. 3.....	58 75	Samuel Worthley..	2 00
" No. 4.....	47 41	Wm. Hadley.....	1 00
" No. 5.....	45 44	Tho's R. Butterfield..	100 95
" No. 6.....	241 26	Samuel Dow Jr.....	2 18

Whole amount paid out..... \$4100 23

Balance at the time of the Auditor's settlement in the  
Treasurer's hands..... \$1484 74



## SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

*The Selectmen charge themselves with the following orders drawn on the town Treasury :—*

Paid E. P. Roberts, taking care of Town House in the year 1852 .....	\$1 00
John Pattee, enrolling soldiers.....	5 00
City of Manchester, medical attendance on Mrs. Riley in the year 1852.....	15 00
J. H. Goodale, printing in the year 1852.....	20 08
J. Marshall, printed tax book.....	10 00
L. Hadley, cash paid on Mrs. Riley's account in 1852....	18 00
L. Hadley, balance on the books due him,.....	87 17
L. Hadley, repairing highway.....	1 00
Francis Martin, services at the poor farm in 1852.....	185 00
J. S. Stevens, damage and use of wheelbarrow in 1852....	3 50
Capt. J. Sargent, witness at Concord Nov. session 1852...	6 00
I. C. Flanders, Road Commissioner's bill on Shirley road..	73 40
D. M. Taggart, board of Road Commissioners and use of hall	25 63
A. Story, examining Amoskeag Bridge.....	4 67
F. Crombie, engineering on Shirley Road.....	20 50
Ira Perley, professional services.....	10 00
G. W. Morrison " " on Black Brook and Shirley road in the year 1853.....	55 00
T. R. Butterfield paid witnesses on Shirley road.....	46 70
E. Johnson, fee and travel as Road Commissioner.....	3 80
F. Tenney, board of witnesses and other expenses at the hearing of the Black Brook road.....	2 50
Jesse Carr repairing hearse.....	12 00
D. B. Warren, work on the Dow Bridge.....	50
Witnesses on the Black Brook road hearing.....	8 00
D. Cross, \$35 paid witnesses on Shirley road and \$15 fee.	50 00
G. Poor, examining and getting estimates of the Amoskeag bridge.....	13 80
G. Warren, 1 day on Shirley road with horse and wagon..	1 50
S. Dow Jr., measuring Shirley and Mast roads.....	4 00
E. Heald, damage turning over a load of hay.....	2 00
A. F. Carr, Superintendent School Committee.....	20 00
W. Hadley, one day on Shirley road.....	1 00
A. F. Carr, money paid on account of annexation and expenses to Northfield to see pauper.....	12 44
T. R. Butterfield, examining and getting estimates on Amoskeag bridge.....	15 25
T. R. Butterfield, cash paid for sundries.....	1 62
" work on Dow bridge.....	50
" cash paid at Concord at the time of disannexing Amoskeag.....	2 90
" cash paid while on the Black Brook road with Commissioners.....	1 00
" fare and other expenses to Northfield on pau-	

per business.....	5 63
“ expenses to Manchester on road business.....	1 25
“ “ on Shirley road.....	63
“ “ while measuring Sprague road.....	50
“ Horse and waggon to Manchester, Bedford and New Boston.....	1 50
“ Expenses to Concord, Vermont and Northfield on pauper business.....	19 64
S. M. Worthley, carrying Morrison to Manchester (rain and hail) .....	2 00
G. P. Hadley, 1 day to Auburn to procure engineer—R. R. fare 60, horse and wagon 1,25.....	2 85
Paid Tewksbury for stationery at sundry times.....	1 75
George Richards for stationery for Shirley road hearing...	95
G. G. Fox, for copy of record book.....	50
Cash paid pauper and letter stamps.....	65
Going to Amherst in the night to notify Monroe as road Commissioner.....	2 00
Horse hire for the same.....	1 50
T. R. Butterfield, collecting taxes.....	59 89
Gilman R. Stevens, enrolling soldiers.....	5 00

## TAXES ABATED.

Isaiah Richards 2d.....	16
William Smart, over 70 years.....	1 28
Aaron Ferron, paid in Manchester.....	1 28
John P. Prescott.....	1 28
H. Buswell, transient.....	1 28
Joseph Bennett, paid in another town.....	1 28
John T. Brainard.....	1 28
N. M. Baily.....	1 28
D. K. Connor, paid in another town.....	1 28
T. F. Caswell, left before the taxes were assessed.....	1 28
R. A. Derby, minor.....	1 28
D. N. Emery, minor.....	1 28
Daniel Flanders, poor.....	1 28
Daniel Howard, do .....	1 28
J. H. Moor, illegal.....	2 39
O. B. Mills, minor.....	1 28
E. B. Merrill, paid in Manchester.....	1 28
John Peacock.....	21
Joseph Sawyer, illegal.....	5 88
J. Poor, non-resident highway.....	59
George Pratt, left in April.....	1 28
J. L. Phelps, minor.....	1 28
L. W. Prescott, left town in April .....	1 28
Eben Ryder, allowance on account of fire.....	1 19
Eliphalet Rowell, transient.....	1 28
S. H. Rand, do .....	1 28
Roger Stevens, by request.....	1 28



G. A. Tucker, left in April.....	1 28
George Wallace.....	1 28
S. D. Green, over taxed.....	2 68
Alden George, poor.....	1 36
I. & Wm. Sargent, illegal.....	3 14
B. Collins, taxed twice.....	1 36
Town Farm.....	11 12
Charles Mugridge, dead.....	1 36
Samuel Story, 70 years .....	1 28
Kimball Adams, paid in Dunbarton.....	1 28
Luther Lyman, dead.....	1 28
B. P. Goodell, insane.....	1 28
S. D. Green, over taxed.....	58
Caleb Little.....	26
Luther Greer, school house tax.....	83
Gilman Kimball, over taxed.....	2 91
Thomas Richards.....	40
Jonas B. Bowman, for land appraised too high for a succession of years, and refused to pay.....	15 21
Mace Moulton.....	96
David Brigham, taxed twice.....	3 81
G. Kimball, non-resident highway.....	2 21
Noyes Poor, land appraised too high .....	2 43
J. H. Moor, non-resident highway.....	5 33

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\$947 65

### SUPPORT OF PAUPERS OFF THE FARM DURING THE YEAR 1853.

Manchester, money paid on account of several paupers,	\$13 31
A. B. Smith, medicine and attendance on Mrs. R. Hardy's child,	2 68
P. H. Pattee, goods delivered to L. Lyman,	5 00
W. S. Richards, " " " "	4 61
Thomas Colby, support of Samuel Kelly one year,	25 00
Wm. Moore, " " Eunice Stevens one year,	15 00
T. R. Butterfield, money paid for support of Affa Kelly,	10 00
J. Addison, wood delivered to Sarah McCoy,	83
Ira Barr, goods " " " "	90
A. McDougall, wood " " " "	2 00
A. F. Carr, medical attendance on L. Lyman,	12 25
" " " " on W. Atherton,	5 00
Support of Mrs. J. Kennedy 12 weeks at Insane Hospital	21 20

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\$117 78

### SUPPORT OF COUNTY PAUPERS.

E. R. Poor, goods delivered to Mrs. Freeman,	\$1 68
D. Little, medical attendance on " "	11 85

A. McDougall, wood delivered to " " " "	2 00
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	\$15 53

## SCHOOL HOUSE AND OTHER PURPOSES.

Dist. No. 7—For Land, - - - - -	\$15 48
" " 9—For school house, - - - - -	161 25
" " 11—For law suit - - - - -	199 76

## PAID SCHOOL DISTRICTS.

To District No. 1,.....	96 71	To District No. 9.....	86 90
" " No. 2,.....	49 95	" " No. 10.....	73 42
" " No. 3,.....	58 75	" " No. 11.....	85 34
" " No. 4,.....	47 41	" " No. 12.....	30 65
" " No. 5,.....	45 44	" " No. 13.....	57 58
" " No. 6,.....	241 26	" " No. 14.....	33 58
" " No. 7,.....	73 01	" " No. 15.....	32 25
" " No. 8,.....	67 34	" " No. 16.....	27 65

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## PAID RELIGIOUS SOCIETIES.

Congregational, - - - - -	\$43 20
Baptist, - - - - -	18 80
Methodist, - - - - -	15 92
Universalist, - - - - -	11 89

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\$89 81

## SELECTMEN'S REPORT OF THE PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT.

*Inventory at the Poor House, March 1, 1854.*

## STOCK, HAY AND PROVISIONS.

1 yoke of oxen,	110 00	98 bush Corn,	122 50
6 Cows,	180 00	26 bush Oats,	15 60
1 Horse,	100 00	4½ bush Beans,	9 00
2 Shoats,	30 00	11-S bbl Flour,	13 00
9 Fowls,	2 50	14 lbs Soap Grease,	1 00
16 Tons of English hay,		65 lbs Tallow,	7 15
one of meadow and one		50 bush Potatoes,	30 00
of oat straw,	280 00	4 bush Beets,	2 00
2 bbls of Pork,	50 00	2 bbl Apples,	6 00
2½ bbls of Beef,	35 00	30 lbs dried do	2 70
146½ lbs of Ham,	18 98	6 bbls Cider and Vinegar,	18 00
158 lbs of Shoulder,	18 96	1-4 bbls Cucumbers,	75
47½ lbs of Beef,	3 80	3½ do Soap,	14 00
92 lbs of Lard,	11 50	2 bush Parsnips,	1 00
25 lbs of Butter,	5 50	Cabbage,	1 25
93 lbs of Cheese,	8 00	1600 W. Pine Boards,	16 00



400 Oak Plank,	6 00	14 Feather Beds,	35 00
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bunches Laths and 28		28 Pillows,	2 00
Pickets,	50	3 Bolsters,	5 00
2 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs Leather,	50	26 Blankets,	20 00
3 sett Cart Spokes,	4 00	40 Sheets,	5 00
3 " " Hubs,	3 00	15 Quilts,	30 00
12 cords dry Wood,	42 00	4 Yarn Coverlets,	12 00
35 " " green wood,	87 50	4 Check Blankets,	8 00
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ M. Shingles,	4 50	8 Print Coverlets,	2 75
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bush Salt,	1 00	17 Comfortables,	13 00

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\$1263 19

## FARMING TOOLS.

4 Plows,	20 00	1 Cream Strainer,	10
1 Cultivator,	2 00	3 Looking Glasses,	50
2 Carts and Rigging,	28 00	2 Work Stands,	50
1 Harrow,	3 00	4 Tables,	2 00
2 Sleds,	6 00	1 Bureau,	2 00
1 Sleigh,	16 00	1 Desk,	75
1 Waggon,	30 00	9 Chests,	2 00
2 Harnesses,	14 00	7 Trunks,	1 10
2 Ox Yokes,	3 50	9 Tin Dishes,	90
4 Chains, 4 Scythes and		9 Tin Plates,	90
Sneaths, 5 Axes,	13 00	26 Earthen Plates,	75
1 Drag,	2 00	3 Pitchers,	30
4 Hay Forks,	1 50	12 Cups and Saucers,	25
5 Rakes,	1 00	10 Bowls,	60
2 Manure Forks,	50	1 Wash bowl,	15
2 Shovels,	1 00	2 Nappies,	30
3 Iron Bars,	2 75	6 Teaspoons,	20
2 Stone Drills,	75	10 Tablespoons,	20
2 Hammers,	1 75	12 Knives and Forks,	75
2 Wood Saws,	1 00	1 Brass Kettle,	40
3 Augers, 2 Chisels,	75	1 do Skinner,	20
1 Grindstone,	4 00	1 Tin Baker,	
1 Manure Hook,	25	4 Boxes,	25
4 Iron Wedges, 1 Beetle,	1 25	1 Sad Iron,	25
1 Whiffletree and Chain,	1 00	1 Clock,	3 00
1 Square and Saw,	50	2 Cooking Stoves,	30 00
8 Hoes,	1 50	2 Tea Pots,	30
1 Adz and 2 Shaves,	1 20	1 Coffe Pot,	40
2 Sickles, 3 Gimblets,	37	1 Cheese Tub,	
1 Pick, Clevis and Pin,	1 75	1 Tray and Bowl,	25
7 Baskets,	1 00	4 Earthern Pots,	25
2 Buffalo Robes,	5 00	33 Tin Pans,	4 00
1 Winnowing Mill,	5 00	5 do Pails,	75

## HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

52 Pillow Cases,	2 00	4 Wooden Pails,	40
10 Steads and Cords,	3 00	2 Cream Pots,	42
10 Straw Beds,	3 00	1 Cheese Press,	50
		1 do Safe,	2 00
		1 Cupboard,	1 00

2 Wash Dishes,	30	6 Butter Firkins,	2 00
1 Churn,	2 00	3 Wash Tubs,	50
28 Chairs,	3 00	1 Sauce bbl,	50
2 pair Andirons,	25	1 Vinegar, do	50
1 Shovel and Tongs,	40	2 Hogsheads,	1 00
2 Brass Candlesticks,	50	1 Keg,	50
2 Iron do	10	12 Flour bbls,	1 00
2 pair Steel Yards,	1 00	1 Salt Mortar,	10
4 old iron Kettles,	25	15 pairs Cotton Hose,	2 75
1 Dish Tub,	12	6 yds Sheeting,	50
3 Jugs,	50	3 do Denims,	42
2 Cheese Baskets,	25	Cotton,	30
1 Clothes Line and Basket	20	3-4 lbs Woolen Yarn,	50
1 Wheel Reel and Swifts,	1 50	9 Meal Bags,	1 00
1 Sieve,	30	2 Butcher Knives,	25
5 Cider bbls,	3 50	1 Dust Pan,	20
5 Meat do	2 50		
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			\$401 31

## IMPROVEMENTS.

Shingling Shed,	- - - - -	\$27 00
20 loads of Mud more than was drawn last year; clearing		
10 acres of Stone; 3 acres broke up,	- - - - -	5 00

## PAUPER ESTABLISHMENT,

1853		<i>Dr.</i>
March 1, to Real Estate,	- - - - -	\$2400 00
Stock Hay and Provisions,	- - - - -	1084 47
Tools and Furniture,	- - - - -	454 45
Interest on same one year,	- - - - -	236 33
Agent's pay,	- - - - -	200 00
Order in favour of Dr. J. S. Little,	- - - - -	8 00
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		\$4383 25

1854		<i>Cr.</i>
March 1, by Real Estate,	- - - - -	2400 00
Stock, Hay and Provisions	- - - - -	1263 19
Tools and Furniture,	- - - - -	401 13
Balance in the agent's hands infavour of the institu-		
tion,	- - - - -	253 15
Betterments,	- - - - -	32 00
Balance against the establishment, including interest		
and agent's pay,	- - - - -	33 78
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		\$4383 25

Names of persons supported at the Town Farm during the year :—

	AGE.		AGE.
James P. Batchelder.....	73	George McCoy.....	52
Josiah George.....	69	William Lyman.....	7



Sally Saltmarsh.....	65	Nancy Riley.....	65
Sally Martin.....	46	Sarah Ordway.....	70
Amy Kelley.....	44	Abigail Buswell.....	72

Number of Paupers now on the farm 10. Average number during the year ten and a fraction over.

*J. B. Pattee's account with the Poor Farm,* *Dr.*

To cash,	\$10 45	3 flour bbls,	30
136½ bushels of oats,	68 25	1 qt. peas 06, paper rags 31,	37
Use of plow,	2 72	Keeping pedler,	75
293½ lbs butter.	56 89	1 pt. Alcohol,	08
316½ quarts milk,	11 08	2½ lbs candles,	36
11½ lbs cheese,	1 15	2 qts. vinegar,	25
20¾ doz eggs,	2 83	Cash on cow,	50
57 lbs ham,	7 42	14 loads of mud,	3 50
201 lbs salt beef,	14 06	2 bbls cider,	6 25
153 lbs fresh do,	11 49	Straw to fill bed,	25
76½ bush potatoes,	29 30	14½ lbs poultry,	1 45
4 bbls apples,	4 75	1 gallon soap,	15
15075 lbs hay,	145 27	Use of hammer and drills,	50
Work off the farm,	26 51	Blacksmith bill overcharged,	42
1 pair of oxen,	136 50	1 pair of soles,	17
1 cow 37,17, 1 do 16,00		10 lbs tallow,	1 00
1 do 32,00,	85 17	6 " lard,	75
1 cow 23,00, 3 calves		1 shoat,	15 36
13,00,	36 00	Stocking yarn,	35
Boarding A. Poor's men,	7 35	2 cows' hides, 1 calf skin	9 65
1 bush beans,	1 75		

\$701 35

*J. B. Pattee's account with Poor Farm,* *Cr.*

By 1 yoke of oxen,	82 50	40¾ yds print,	4 80
1 cow \$23, 1 do \$17,	40 00	Setting and filing saw twice,	55
1 do \$18,50, 1 do \$16,12	34 62	Sawing lumber,	13 13
1 do \$16,40,	16 40	4 1-2 bbls flour,	32 43
2 pigs \$4, 2 shoats \$17,70	21 70	42 bush potatoes,	13 95
15 lbs tobacco,	3 05	35 lbs nails,	1 83
Spending money to paupers,	1 74	3 pecks herds grass seed,	2 88
School books,	1 10	15 lbs clover seed,	2 10
62 lbs potash,	4 96	Blacksmithing,	12 14
66¼ lbs sugar,	4 70	Funeral expenses of Ly-	
157¼ lbs fish,	7 02	man,	3 45
82 lbs fresh meat,	4 48	8 bush salt,	4 29
Crackers,	3 38	4 bags butter salt,	82
Thread,	77	Weighing 10 loads hay,	77
Repairing plow,	2 05	Wagon to draw hay 11	
15 lbs salaratus,	1 13	trips,	2 75
10 bush rye,	9 96	Help on farm,	12 43
24½ gall molasses,	6 96	Story 3 3-4 days shing-	
Tin ware,	1 06	ling,	3 75

Flanders, 1 day do	1 00	1 qt oil 25; 5 balls wick-	
Liquors,	1 72	ing 20,	45
Horse baitings,	1 03	Matches 13; 6 pipes, 03,	16
Spices, 62; rosin, 10,	72	91 yds cotton cloth,	8 42
1 file, 09; mending cof-		hadks, 22; twine and	
fee pot, 03,	12	thread 49,	71
2 fish bbls, 42; 2 lbs gin-		Boots and shoes,	9 08
ger 20,	62	Wollen cloth,	10 01
1 thimble, 07; 1 whip 20	27	Thrashing 179 bushels	
5 papers garden seed,	25	oats,	7 36
1 bag guano,	4 14	Policy and percentage	
1 quire paper 20; 11 lbs		for insurance,	3 73
coffee 1,40,	1 60	2 assessments on insur-	
1 lb pepper 31; 2 pails,		ance,	5 01
38,	69	2 lbs rolls 1,20; 2 brooms	
2 papers needles 13; es-		42,	1 62
sence 32,	45	1-2 bush peaches,	20
Plaster 61; well bucket		Starch,	06
58,	1 19	Use of cider mill,	40
Spider 29; beans 78,	1 07	Coopering,	33
2 scythes 1,86; 1 jug 15,	2 01	3 lb raisins,	32
Oiling and mending har-		Mending brass kettle,	33
ness,	1 31	1 qt spirits turpentine,	22
Buttons 11; 2 rifles 10	21	1 ox yoke,	1 00
Repairing wagon,	25	1 sugar box,	12
1 1-4 lb saltpetre,	15	Grinding corn,	24
1 comb,	10	log wood and coperas,	08
Saving slats for cart		3 meal bags,	60
body,	07	2 hens.	50
10 lb rice 50; 2 hoes 23;	73	8 bush corn,	7 70
3 chamber and 1 bowl,	86	15 lbs tea,	6 70
1 band box 15; 1 hat 13,	28		
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			\$448 46

*Town of Goffstown to G. P. Hadley,*

*Dr.*

FOR SERVICES AS SELECTMAN.

1853.

March, to 1-2 day at Amoskeag on road business,	50
“ 1-2 day hiring agent for Poor Farm,	50
“ 1-2 day writing warrants for town meeting,	50
“ 1-2 day at the Poor Farm,	50
“ 1 day revising inventory books,	1 00
April, 10 days taking inventory,	15 00
“ 6 days making taxes,	9 00
“ 1-2 day at Jury Meeting,	50
“ 1 day distributing Surveyor's warrants,	1 00
May, Recording taxes,	4 00
“ 1-2 day writing warrant for Town Meeting,	50
“ 1 day at Amoskeag on town business,	1 00



June,	1 day with the Committee from the Legislature on annexation business,	2 00
"	5 days with Road Commissioners,	7 00
July,	1-2 day with committee from Manchester to examine records,	50
Aug.	1-2 day at Manchester on road business,	50
Sept.	2 days with engineer on Shirley road,	2 00
"	1 day on Shirley road, and horse and wagon to Manchester,	2 25
"	1-2 day on pauper business,	50
"	1 day at New Boston on road business,	1 00
"	2 days with Road Commissioners,	3 00
"	3 days on road hearing,	3 00
"	1 day at New Boston with Road Commissioners,	1 50
Oct.	1-2 day at Jury Meeting,	50
Nov.	1-2 day at Manchester on pauper business,	50
Dec.	1 day on Shirley road to settle land damages,	1 00
"	1 day apportioning school money and revising Jury List,	1 00
Feb, 1854,	1 day writing warrants and correcting Check List,	1 00
March,	1 day at the Poor Farm,	1 00
"	2 days preparing account for the auditors,	2 00
"	1 day with the auditors,	1 50
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		\$65 75

*Town of Goffstown to T. R. Butterfield,*

*Dr.*

FOR SERVICES AS SELECTMAN.

1853.

March,	to 1-2 day hiring agent for Poor Farm,	50
"	1-2 day at Poor Farm,	50
"	1 day correcting inventory books,	1 00
"	1-2 day Falls Bridge,	50
April,	10 days taking inventory,	15 00
"	6 days making taxes,	9 00
"	1 day distributing surveyor's warrants,	1 00
"	1 day at Amherst on road business,	1 00
May,	1 day writing warrants for town meeting, and going to Amoskeag on bridge business,	1 00
June,	1 day at Amoskeag with the Committee of the Legislature,	1 00
"	2 days at Concord at the time of disannexing Amoskeag,	2 00
"	1 day on Black Brook road business,	1 50
July,	5 days with Commissioners on Black Brook road and attending the hearing,	7 00
"	1-2 day in Goffstown on pauper business,	50
Aug.	2 days at Northfield on paper business,	2 00
"	1 day at Manchester with Road Commissioners,	1 00

Sept.	6 days on Shirley road, measuring and with Commissioners, &c.,	6 00
"	1 day at Manchester after engineer,	1 00
"	1 day measuring Old Sprague road,	1 00
"	1 day at New Boston looking up witnesses,	1 00
"	3 days attending hearing,	3 00
Oct.	1-2 day at Jury Meeting,	50
Nov.	1 day on road business,	1 00
Dec.	1 day apportioning school money and correcting Jury Box,	1 00
Jan. 1854,	5 days at Concord, Northfield and Vermont on pauper business,	5 00
Feb.	1 day writing warrants for town meeting,	1 00
March,	1 day at Poor Farm,	1 00
"	2 days preparing accounts for Auditors,	2 00
"	1 day with Auditors,	1 00
"	1-2 day correcting Check List,	50
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		\$69 50

*Town of Goffstown to William Shirley,*

*Dr.*

FOR SERVICES AS SELECTMAN FOR 1853.

March,	to 1-2 day hiring agent for Poor Farm,	50
April,	10 days taking inventory,	15 00
"	5 days making taxes,	7 50
"	1-2 day at Jury Meeting,	50
"	1 day distributing surveyor's warrants,	1 00
June,	3 days on Black Brook road,	3 00
Sept.	1 day on Shirley road,	1 00
Nov.	1 day on Richards' road,	1 00
Dec.	1 day on Shirley road to settle land damage,	1 00
"	1 day apportioning school money,	1 00
"	1-2 day regulating Jury Box,	50
Feb. 25, 1854,	1 day writing warrants,	1 00
March 4,	1 day at the Poor House,	1 00
"	1 day preparing accounts for Auditors,	1 00
"	1 day settling with the Auditors,	1 00
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		\$36 00

GEORGE P. HADLEY,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
THOS. R. BUTTERFIELD.		
WILLIAM SHIRLEY,		
		<i>of</i>
		<i>Goffstown.</i>



# REPORT

## OF THE

### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

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Agreeably to the requisition of the Act which makes it the duty of the Superintending School Committee to present to the town an Annual Report of the condition of the schools under their supervision, your Committee respectfully submit their Report for the year just expired.

We are happy to be able to report that there has been a marked improvement made in nearly all of our schools the past year. Advancement in various branches of an English education has been made.

We would also remark that in attempting to perform our duty, we have strongly urged it as a duty devolving upon both teacher and scholars to use all proper means to preserve perfect order, and that whispering, one of the worst and most prominent evils, should be entirely dispensed with; and to a good degree we have been successful.

We have also urged the necessity of attending particularly to Reading and Spelling, as but little progress can be made in other branches until scholars are able to read well.

In conclusion, we would say that much of the improvement in our schools is owing to an increased interest on the part of the parents in the education of their children, which is manifested in many districts by their frequent visits to the schools, and their warm co-operation with the teacher—and farther, of a deeper sense than formerly of the responsibility of the important office of Prudential Committee.

**DISTRICT No. 1.** Summer School. Miss Abby A. Johnson, Instructress. This school is composed of 45 scholars, all but five under ten years of age; consequently it requires both labor and patience on the part of the teacher, to preserve that quiet which is desirable in the school-room. At our visit the school appeared to be well managed, and the method of instruction was good.

*Winter School.* Miss Mary Johnson, Instructress. An accession of some dozen lads of fourteen years of age to the Winter school did not render the task of preserving order any lighter, yet the scholars evidently made improvement, particularly in reading.

**DISTRICT No. 2.** Summer School. Miss Abby Cram, Instructress. The Register shows 20 scholars in attendance, four only upwards of ten years of age. Miss Cram appeared to be interested in the school, and very commendable improvement was made by the scholars.

*Winter School.* George H. Russell, Instructor. Thirty-two scholars attended the Winter school, which was lengthened out to thirteen weeks by private subscription. The school appeared well at the examination, and we think the course of instruction must have been thorough.

**DISTRICT No. 3.** Summer school—Miss Maria U. Merrill, Instructress. This was Miss Merrill's first attempt at school-keeping, which was quite successful—the school appearing well at the examination.

*Winter School.* Charles A. Varney, Instructor. This school was

not as successful as could have been desired. The teacher attributed his failure to a want of co-operation of the parents. The school-house has not improved since the last report, and, whatever fault may be found with it in other respects, there is no lack of ventilation.

DISTRICT No. 4. Summer school—Miss Amanda M. Kennedy, Instructress. Length of school, ten weeks—whole number of scholars, 9. Miss Kennedy managed the school very well, and the result of the examination was quite satisfactory, especially in Reading and Spelling.

*Winter School.* Miss Margaret G. Dunlap, Instructress. This school is small, but rather pleasant. The scholars appeared well at the inspection of the school in all the branches to which they had attended, giving good evidence of faithful instruction.

DISTRICT No. 5. Summer school—Miss Margaret G. Dunlap, Instructress. Thirty scholars were in attendance; length of school nine weeks. A first-class school must have the hearty co-operation of the three parties which compose all schools, viz; the parents, teacher and scholars. In the belief of your committee, this school has been fortunate in securing this, which is so desirable and commendable to all concerned. The school is an example of the good resulting from such a union.

*Winter School.* Miss H. J. Plummer, Instructress. Length of school, ten weeks—29 scholars in attendance. Miss Plummer fully sustained the character of the school. We have seldom seen more intelligent or better behaved scholars.

DISTRICT No. 6. Summer term. This school is divided into two departments. First department, Miss S. M. Little, Instructress; in the second, Miss Mary E. Stevens. This school as a whole, has held a high rank among the schools in town. It was evident at the examination that the scholars in each department had been thoroughly disciplined and correctly taught. The scholars were very prompt in all their recitations, and had evidently made good progress in their studies.

*Winter Term.* 1st department—J. W. Clark, Instructor. Length of school thirteen week—number of scholars 55. Mr. Clark's method of instruction was thorough and correct; and if the scholars did not make good good improvement it must have been their own fault.

Second Department—Miss Harriet Shaw, Instructress. Miss Shaw managed this department well. The department of the scholars was pleasing, and they made respectable improvement.

DISTRICT No. 7. Miss Sophronia S. Adams, Instructress. Length of school twelve weeks—whole number of scholars, 29. Miss Adams was thorough in discipline. The scholars appeared well at the close of the term, and it was evident they had made good improvement.

*Winter School.* E. B. Wells, Instructor. Mr. Wells labored assiduously for the improvement of the school, and we are happy to say that good progress had been made by those scholars which were present at the examination.

DISTRICT No. 8. Summer and Winter Terms—Miss Almira S. Kimball, Instructress. Length of Summer term,  $7\frac{1}{2}$  weeks. Number of scholars, 33. Length of Winter term, ten weeks—whole number of



scholars, 43. The school appeared well at the close of each term. Miss Kimball exerted herself for the improvement of her pupils, and should be remembered with gratitude for the good she accomplished.

**DISTRICT No. 9.** Summer school—Miss Sarah E. Mullet, Instructress. Miss Mullet labored hard for this school, and it was manifest at the examination that the scholars had made some improvement, especially in Reading and Spelling.

*Winter School.* G. Frank Farley, Instructor. Mr. Farley is not wanting in literary attainments. Harmony of feeling existed between teacher and scholars, and good improvement was made in the various branches to which they attended.

**DISTRICT No. 10.** Summer school—Miss Sarah E. Atwood, Instructress. Length of school, eleven weeks—number of scholars in attendance, 31. Miss Atwood is a well-qualified teacher, and the improvement of the scholars was satisfactory. The district needs a larger house, and the scholars a uniform series of reading books.

*Winter School.* H. W. Colburn, of New Boston, Instructor.—This was Mr. Colburn's first attempt as school-teaching; yet he acquitted himself very well and much to the satisfaction of the district, and to the improvement of the scholars.

**DISTRICT No. 11.** Summer school. Miss Sarah Neville of New Boston, Instructress. Miss Neville is quite young and this was her first school. The examination showed respectable progress.

*Winter School.* Jeremiah P. Jameson, Instructor. The examination of the school showed that a thorough course of instruction had been pursued. The scholars made excellent improvement in all of their studies.

**DISTRICT No. 12.** Summer and Winter terms. Miss Sarah C. Trull, Instructress. Summer term, length of school ten weeks. Length of Winter term nine weeks. The scholars in this school are mostly young, yet the teacher succeeded in making the school pleasant and useful. The scholars were prompt in their recitations, having made good improvement.

**DISTRICT No. 13.** Summer school—Miss Nancy E. Stinson, Instructress. Miss Stinson is an experienced and faithful teacher, but owing to the irregularity in the attendance of a number of her scholars, there was not that general progress made which the commencement of the school gave promise of. Those who were punctual in their attendance made good improvement. The absences of the different scholars, as reported by the teacher, being equal to 495 days attendance of one scholar, or one-third part of the school.

*Winter School.* Miss Mary A. D. Allison, Instructress. Length of school, eight weeks—number of scholars, 43. Miss Allison is a very competent teacher, and labored diligently for the advancement of her pupils. Sixteen scholars were present at the examination, all of whom had made excellent improvement.

**DISTRICT No. 14.** Summer school—Miss H. Jane Plummer, Instructress. Length of school, eight and one-half weeks. Whole number of scholars, 16. Miss Plummer labored diligently for the good of

the school, and was very successful in her efforts for the advancement of her pupils.

*Winter School.* Miss Belinda McKeen, Instructress. Length of school, five weeks. This term was so short that the scholars could not make much advancement. The school appeared very well.

DISTRICT No. 15. Summer and Winter terms—Miss Mary J. Leach, Instructress. Miss Leach was very successful in this school. The scholars appeared well and it was manifest that they had made commendable improvement.

DISTRICT No. 16. Summer school—Miss Mary J. Aiken, Instructress. Whole number of scholars, 26—length of school, nine weeks.—The school made a very good appearance at the examination, and we believe the teacher endeavored to be faithful in the discharge of her duty.

*Winter School.* Miss Margaret A. Richardson, Instructress. Length of school, five weeks. Number of scholars in attendance, 31. The school was so short, no very striking improvement could be expected; yet, so far as we were able to judge, the scholars did well for the time.

# TABULAR STATEMENT.

Summer School.					Winter School.				
No. of Districts.	Length of School in weeks.	No. of Scholars.	Average attendance.	No. of persons between 4 and 14 who have not attended.	Wages of teachers per month, exclusive of board.	Length of School in weeks.	No. of scholars.	Average attendance.	No. of scholars between 4 and 14 who have not attended.
1	9	37	34		9	8	47	35	
2	13½	21	16		6	13	30	24	2
3	9	18	14		8	10	27	22	2
4	10	9	8		6 50	9	14	10	
5	9	30	23		8	10	26	25	1
6		37	23		12		55	41	
6	9	39	31		10	13	36	23	
7	12	29	21		8	12	36	26	7
8	7½	33	27		8	10	43	33	
9	10	46	35	2	7	8	50	45	
10	10	30	26		7	10	45	40	
11	10	30	25		8	11	40	40	
12	10	16	15	1	6	9	16	14	
13	10	27	32		8	8	39	28	
14	8½	16	15		6	5	25	21	
15	10	30	26		6	10	28	27	
16	9	26	23		7	5	28	28	1

DANIEL LITTLE, }  
A. F. CARR, } Superintending  
School Committee.





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